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LOSING ITS PRESTIGE.

Burdensome labor conditions and sharp competition promise to take from Brockton, Mass., the reputation of being the greatest shoe town in the nation of its population, just as many years ago the same conditions wrested it from Lynn.

Brockton of late has lost even larger shoe firms to other towns where shoes can be produced cheaper and now other firms have given notice that they are contemplating removal because the labor organizations are maintaining a standard wage which makes it impossible to manufacture shoes at the \$2.50 and \$2.50 grade of shoe and pay running expenses. The factories contend that the unions are demanding that the workmen who make the \$3.00 shoe shall receive the same compensation as those employed to produce that which sells for twice that price. Manufacturers make little secret of the fact that shoes which sold for three dollars in 1890 are now selling for more.

A Boston paper says: "While this exodus has operated promptly, this is not to say that it has been a light matter with the large shoe firms. Most of them are deeply rooted in Brockton to abandon their plants is together. But that part of the industry which is being removed is capable of damaging the prosperity of the city to a serious extent. The threat is not that in two months or two years Brockton will be a shadow of its former self, but that the centralization of trade which gave her a certain leadership among New England cities will have been lost. If this comes to pass, it will not mean that the coveted title of 'national shoe town' will descend upon another New England city, but that these industrial centers will be divided among a score of places, as they have already been distributed to Nashua, Augusta, North Adams, Braintree, and so on."

It would be a real benefit to some of our eastern Connecticut neighbors to capture a few of these shoe factories. There is no reason why shoes cannot be made as cheap here as anywhere.

THE ANANIAS.

Through the action of the president and Tillman and others of assigning their enemies to the Ananias club, the people are becoming familiar with the Ananias of the New Testament, of whom there were three.

It seems that a clergyman wrote to Speaker Cannon's private secretary to say that in and of itself the word Ananias was meaningless as being used by the politicians because there was a lying Ananias and an Ananias who was a devout man and kept the law.

The Meriden Journal is surprised that this minister overlooked a third Ananias, saying "there are at least three Ananias referred to in the New Testament, the Ananias who was Sapphira's husband, the Ananias who lived in Damascus, and who was a devout man according to the law," and the high priest Ananias who commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall; for thou art a judge, and thou art the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?"

The Ananias talked most about by men was the husband of Sapphira, but the one who is talked most about in the New Testament was the good Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law, and in a vision to "Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus; for, behold, he prayeth. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight."

But the Journal points out that Roosevelt has made no mistake in naming his club, as "the liar who up on being reproached by Peter for his hold-out in a certain land deal, 'fell down and gave up the ghost.' He became a dead one, just as in another sense have many of those whom President Roosevelt has shown to be crooked?"

RESTOCKING CONNECTICUT WATERS.

The fish and game commission in their annual report make a good showing and give convincing reasons why fishing should be restricted until the marine fish do themselves begin to propagate.

The report says: "The total catch of fish in 1908 is reported as \$4,874, being an increase of nearly 6,000 over the preceding year, but the number of fish taken for propagation was only 20, as against 80 in 1907."

"The number of eggs obtained was 1,910,000 in 1907 and 485,000 in 1908, and the average hatch was a little below 90 per cent. of the number of eggs."

"After having fallen below 19,000 in 1902, the catch rose in consequence of liberal stocking to \$7,000 in 1904, and as the policy was continued, increased to \$12,847 in 1901, reached 176,000 in 1903 and did not fall off materially until 1906, when it was \$2,354."

"In 1907 it was \$4,432, and in 1908 it was \$4,874."

The value is herein shown of restocking, as well as the folly of rash gobbling of the fruits of the commission's work. Their recommendations should be enacted into law.

Perhaps the heirs of George Washington are not as entitled to the \$100,000 on lands as is the queen of the Sandwich Islands, but they will receive more popular sympathy.

Congress declines to put out \$12,000 for automobiles for the coming administration. Perhaps it expects Taft with his \$100,000 salary to buy his own motor carriages.

Congressman Hobson is surer than ever that this country is going to war with Japan. What for? Simply to get a setback which would be indefensible.

Boston claims to have had two January thaws already, and is expecting a third.

The people appear to have no doubt that President Taft will prove to be worth \$100,000.

THEIR NEW OCCUPATION.

Lilly is now on the records as "ex-pelled," but the government treasury is better off by some \$300,000 which he saved it on naval contracts by opposing single-handed the house oligarchy. Reform in the navy yards, which he attacked to the income tax of the members in navy yard districts, is under way. These things ought to offset the house's action on Wednesday.

Having finished Lilly, the august house will resume its work of skinning the hide from Roosevelt. Lilly is in good company—Waterbury American.

The house has under Cannon's leadership shown that it is opposed to aggressive honesty. It has stood a great deal from Roosevelt; but now that he has only six weeks more of rule, policy does not require them to quietly submit to any more of his thrusts and strikes in order to be the fashion and will be till the end. Is it not as senseless a battle as it seems and when the future historian comes to deal with the issues and the conduct of congress and the chief executive, Roosevelt is not likely to suffer much. He stands before the country and before the world as a man of honest purpose.

ON CLOSING THE SCHOOLS FOR LINCOLN.

We note that in one of our sister cities it has been determined to close the public schools on the anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. We must be a little more exacting in our criticism. We think, on the contrary, that they should be kept open, and that at least a part of the day should be utilized in impressing upon the pupils the salient points in the great president's career, and especially the simplicity of his character, the hardships he combated to win a place in the world, his patience and industry and warm-heartedness, and many other qualities of mind and heart which he exemplified in so much greater and more conspicuous measure than we find them about us in the average everyday life.

Lincoln was not a man of pomp. He lived simply, did his work quietly and conscientiously and even prayerfully, and a "holiday" aspect given to the observance of his life and work is essentially and even sadly incongruous. In our humble opinion, the day should be used for the purpose of closing the schools and turn the children out into the streets for play, as on a Fourth of July, is to do the most possible to make the pupils forget that the day has any special significance for them.

—Newburyport News.

Honoring the memory of Lincoln by any kind of idleness must seem absurd to any intelligent interpreter of the man and his life. Lincoln's time was precious—to his great, persistent soul all time was precious. He made good use of every moment and making good use of every moment is the worthy memorial of him. A \$10,000,000 memorial of Lincoln, if he had anything to say about it, would be a library or an institution of learning—not a magnificent art shaft of graven stone.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The men who rise to argue against progress find it necessary to use arguments 150 years old.

The new line of a million and a half against the oil trust ought to be regarded as a light matter.

Think of an automobile canoe. That may go in France, but here in America the canoe with power is no canoe at all.

If Roosevelt made as much fuss over a tanning as congress does he could do no business. He is having "a bully old time."

It has been discovered that Poe was a brilliant and successful editor, and that ought to be a solid basis for any man's fame.

Happy thought for today. The neglected snow shovel does not need any sympathy, but those who profit by its use miss it.

The person who thinks that his neighbor's wife goes to church just to see who doesn't go, has a mind that needs cleaning.

Massachusetts is moving for a pure clothing law. There is nothing purer about the clothes with the smell of the shoddy upon them still.

When Mrs. Annis asked: "Is there no unwritten law for broken-hearted widows or fatherless children?" she made a respectful inquiry.

If Queen Lili can show congress that the payment of her claims may succeed in getting them this time.

Men who butt their heads against political stone walls do not need to be. They are simply learning their lessons from experience.

One day last week at Newbury, Vt., the temperature was 30 below zero and the next morning was 20 above. These are great winter shifts.

Put a beggar on horseback. It is said, and he will ride to the devil. Some men are capable of doing that when they are just made assessors of.

Unnecessary Ignorance.

Certainly such a pretentious paper as the Boston Advertiser should be able to discuss Governor Lilly's case without making itself ridiculous by its display of ignorance that invalidates all it says. It recently gave out the following misinformation with reference to the election of Governor Lilly: "The election was held in his (Lilly's) district, and his constituents voted for him, for the two offices of governor and congressman. It may show a pretty low standard of political morals in Connecticut, but that is just what happened."

"Nothing of the sort occurred. Mr. Lilly was elected congressman at large and was candidate only for governor. 'His district' was the whole state, and Major Tilden, who ran for congressman at large, was elected by the state and got the entire party vote. Governor Lilly ran for governor and nothing else, and the wise ignoramus of the Advertiser will do well to inform himself as to the facts which underlie the election of Governor Lilly."

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"Just read and enjoy the bit of fool sermonizing. What a flood of intelligence it suggests on the part of the advertiser who thus shows up our political turpitude. But the fact is, just what happened? The people of 'his district' and he never had a district before, but was congressman at large, voted for last time to police the state at the same time. A critic who starts in against us thus armed is too absurd for serious consideration, and yet his fool talk may go on to police somebody who knows no more about the matter than he does."—Bridgeport Standard.

Woman in Life and in the Kitchen.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

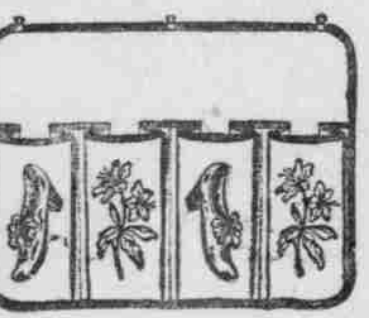
Marking cotton in that soft, cool shade known as china is used a great deal in buttonholing and scalloping the edges of turnover collars.

Pretty opera bags are always a welcome gift, and half a yard of hand-made ribbon will make up into a most desired receptacle for glass.

Keep a small waste basket in which throw clippings or withdrawn washing threads, near the machine or sewing table. The sewing room is then easily straightened up after a day's work.

A ribbon-covered glove case is simple of construction. It should be interlined with perfumed cotton and fitted with a sort of lining. A pretty finish is to turn back one corner, holding down with a bow of ribbon.

NEEDLEWORK SUGGESTIONS.



Shoe-holder design, to be transferred to heavy ticking, on muslin, linen or Indian-head cotton and embroidered in outline with red embroidery cotton or heavy white mercerized cotton.

The School Apron. Little girls are wearing aprons again, and a pretty and practical fashion it is.

The aprons save the wash dresses as well as the cloth ones, with the virtue of being easier to launder than cotton frocks.

They are made in one piece, and many of them are so constructed that they may be worn as a dress with separate girdles in warm weather.

Most in use for the purpose are the pretty sheer lawns and plaid muslins, and the fine linens.

If a more serviceable material is desired, there are the ginghams, chambrays, percales and colored linens.

Lace filling is pretty and childish, but not so serviceable for trimming neck and armhole as embroidery or buttonhole scallops.

Corn Crisp.

Boil together a cupful each of brown sugar and molasses, two tablespoons of butter and one tablespoon of vinegar. Cook until a little dropped into cold water is hard, add a teaspoon of baking soda, beat for a moment and pour into a greased pan, the bottom of which is covered with chopped or buttonhole popcorn. When cold break.

Smothered and Fried Sweet Potatoes.

Cut cold boiled sweet potatoes into thin slices, dip each slice in Demerara sugar, then fry in butter. Keep the frying pan covered, as it makes the potatoes mellow. Add a dash of nutmeg and serve.

Ribbon for Muffs.

It has become quite a fad to tie around the center, and even the ends of the muff, the same color ribbon velvet which is used on the hat.

Fruit Cake.

Two cups of molasses, two cups of sugar, three eggs, one cup of sour cream, one cup of raisins, one cup of flour, one pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one-half pound of citron, one teaspoon all kinds of spice. This makes two loaves.

Jewels to Match Gown.

It is now possible to get jewelry to match almost any shade of gown. The stones are dyed to the required color, and made up in a simple setting of oxidized silver.

Such jewelry is most effective. Against the snow shovels and any other stone and are generally used as a natural one of the required color is not available.

Easily Done.

Cleaning the entire stock of family silver has lost its terror since it has been discovered that it may be accomplished in a comparatively short time by the use of soda. Place over the fire a clean tin dishpan half full of water; when it has reached the boiling point throw in a handful of ordinary washing soda; put in all the silver, boil ten minutes to loosen the tarnish, remove it and wash in hot soapy water. Some of it may require scrubbing with a brush over the polish, and all of it will need the dry polish rubbed on with a flannel cloth.

While this method may be safely employed for silver, it is a dubious process for plated and oxidized ware, since the very purpose of it is the loosening of the surface coating, be it dirt or plate. Sterling silver is not injured by it.

To give silver the antique or satiny surface which is again in vogue, rub it with old-fashioned bar sand. Ground corundum is not bar sand, although it often passes as such, and is to be avoided, having a sharpness that may be detected under a microscope, and which is much too rough for silver.

Use for Old Calendar.

Some very useful and attractive match scratchers may be easily evolved.

Frequently, when the year is over, one is obliged to discard a thoroughly artistic calendar.

Instead of consigning the backing to the waste paper bin, should be where the calendar itself was with a place of honor.

You will have a match scratcher that is really worth while.

Fads and Fancies for Women Folk.

Sleeves cannot grow any smaller. All the latest coats are Directorate. Millinery wings are larger than ever. Long lines characterize every garment.

The big pillow muffs supersede all others.

In belts, proper elastic will be the in popularity.

Not for years has parted hair been so fashionable.

The one-piece dresses lead all others in popularity.

The neck outline of bodices is likely to grow higher.

Padded pinnings with soutache are leading decorations.

The seal-like coat is more popular than for years.

There is a fad for heavy embroidery on gauze stockings.

Potato and Tea Soup.

Peel and cook twelve small potatoes until tender, drain and wash and a quart of canned green peas, a quart of milk, a tablespoon of butter rubbed into one of flour, salt to taste and cook, stirring until smooth.

Hominy Crumpets.

Scald and cool one pint of milk, add one-half cup of compressed yeast dissolved in two tablespoons of warm water, one tablespoon of sugar, one scant cupful of boiled hominy, four cupfuls of flour, two tablespoons of melted butter and one cup of teaspoon of salt. Beat well and let raise overnight. In the morning add one-quarter of an overcup of soda dissolved in a spoonful of boiling water. Let stand for half an hour and bake in muffin rings on a hot, greased griddle.

Lyonnaise Potatoes.

Two cups of cold boiled potatoes, cut into dice, season with salt and pepper, fry in a tablespoon of oil in two tablespoons of butter, until yellow; add the potatoes and stir with a fork until they have absorbed all the butter, being careful not to break them; add one tablespoon of chopped parsley and serve very hot.

Southern Hominy Bread.

Measure and cook one cupful of fine hominy. When tender take from the fire and let stand for ten minutes, then add two well-beaten eggs, one tablespoon of sugar, one cup of milk, one-half a teaspoon of salt and two tablespoons of fine corn meal. Pour into a well-buttered earthen dish and bake in a hot oven of soda bread heat. Send to the table in the dish in which it is baked, serving with a spoon.

Delmonico Potatoes.

For Delmonico potatoes to serve with the omelette, chop cold boiled potatoes quite fine. To each cup of potato add three-fourths of a cup of white sauce. Season well with salt and pepper, pour into a buttered baking dish, cover the top with buttered bread crumbs and bake for 15 or 20 minutes in a hot oven.

Stewed Mutton Kidneys.

Take one or two sheep's kidneys, cut in halves and remove the skin and core, dust with pepper and salt, chop finely a teaspoon of onion and parsley, melt a piece of butter the size of a large walnut in a small sauce pan. When hot put in the kidneys, cut side down, also the onions and parsley. Fry quickly to a nice brown. Shake in two cups of cream, one cup of water, one cup of raisins, one cup of currants, one cup of citron (if you like it). Mix all ingredients, except eggs and fruit, raise over night. In the morning add eggs and fruit, cover and raise again. Pour into greased tin sprinkled with flour. Raise another hour and bake in a moderate oven one and a half to two hours. Sometimes omit eggs, and it is very good without them.

Raised Dark Cake.

Four cups of flour, one-half cup of butter, one-half cup of lard, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of milk, one teaspoon of salt, one-half yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup of water, one cup of raisins, one cup of currants, one cup of citron (if you like it). Mix all ingredients, except eggs and fruit, raise over night. In the morning add eggs and fruit, cover and raise again. Pour into greased tin sprinkled with flour. Raise another hour and bake in a moderate oven one and a half to two hours. Sometimes omit eggs, and it is very good without them.

Cleaning Kid Shoes.

To clean kid shoes, put in a saucepan a half ounce of strong ammonia, dip in a clean flannel and rub it on carefully.

Then rub the shoes with this, changing the flannel when it becomes soiled.

Dry and Stale Bread Crumbs.

Stale bread crumbs and dry bread crumbs are quite different.

Stale crumbs are the crumbs of stale bread made by rubbing the bread over a grater.

They are to be used in puddings and creamed dishes.

Dry bread crumbs are the bits of stale bread dried in the oven until slightly brown, then rolled on a board and broken up.

They are to be used as a covering for dishes which are used in crumbling croquettes, oysters, meat and fish, or as a covering for dishes which are to be baked.

Whiting for Dishes.

Cups and dishes which have become brown by constant baking in the oven may be brightened and made to look like new by rubbing them with a flannel dipped in whiting.

Brown Bread Sandwiches.

Thin brown bread and butter sandwiches are the most appetizing accompaniments for fish salad of any sort.

Cranberry Fritters.

Beat one egg till foamy, then stir into it one and a half cups of milk, one teaspoon of sugar, one tablespoon (not teaspoon) of baking powder sifted with one cup of flour. Mix well and stir in one cup of cranberry sauce.

Drop in spoonfuls on a hot oiled griddle and serve at once with butter and powdered sugar. Very nice.

Mending Crack in Range.

To mend a crack on the inside of a range use a filling made of equal parts of wood ashes and common salt moistened with water. This will prove hard and lasting.

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LADIES' NINE-COLORED SKIRT.

Paris Pattern No. 2734—All Seams Allowed.

Made up in any of the winter suitings, broadcloths, chevrons, serges or one of the prettiest English worsteds, this is a charming model for general knobby wear. The plain gored skirt is shaped into the waistline and gored, and the skirt is finished with a box-pleat at the left side of the model closes at the left side of the skirt. The lower edge is finished with a narrow hem.

The pattern is in six sizes—22 to 32 inches, waist measure. For 22 waist the skirt made of material with nap, requires 2 1/2 yards 20 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 42 inches wide or 3 yards 44 inches wide, without nap. For 24 waist 2 1/2 yards 20 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 42 inches wide or 3 yards 44 inches wide, without nap. With of lower edge, about 3 yards.

Price of pattern, 10 cents. Order through The Bulletin Company, Pattern Dept., Norwich, Conn.

Cocoa Biscuits.

Two cups of one pint of sifted flour, two level teaspoons of baking powder, one-half teaspoon of salt, two level tablespoons of sugar, four level tablespoons of cocoa, two level tablespoons

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of butter or lard, two-thirds cup of milk or enough to make a firm but not stiff dough.

Sift all the dry ingredients together, rub in the butter with the tips of the fingers, stir in the required amount of milk, turn on slightly floured board, roll or pat out the desired thickness, place close together in a pan and bake in very hot oven 10 or 15 minutes.

Hominy Fritters.

Sift together one cupful of flour, one teaspoon of salt and two teaspoons of baking powder. Mix with this one pint of cold boiled hominy, using a fork to break the latter fine. Add one well-beaten egg and sufficient milk to make a very thick batter. Drop by spoonfuls into a kettle of water, and fry in hot fat. Turn as they rise, and when golden brown all over skim out and drain on unglazed paper.

Excellent Pie Crust.

Four cups of flour, one and a quarter teaspoon of soda, one-half teaspoon of cream tartar, one teaspoon of salt, one tablespoon of sugar, one rounding cup of lard. Rub together until thoroughly mixed. This dry mixture will keep for weeks in a cool, dry place.

Stains on Porcelain.

To remove stubborn stains from the porcelain in the bathroom scour with salt and vinegar.

Heat vinegar, bring to a boil and dissolve in it all the salt that it will take up.

Turn this solution into the stained porcelain and let it remain until cold.

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